

DECLARATION OF THE G20 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSTITUTES CONFERENCE

WE, the International Association of National Public Health Institutes (IANPHI), The Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), and the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), as the co-hosts of the first Conference of the G20 National Public Health Institutes (NPHIs) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from 9 to 11 September, 2024;

RECOGNISE the importance and relevance of the G20 to build a healthier, more equitable and sustainable future, and that NPHIs are uniquely positioned as a government resource and within global networks to strengthen and build resilient public health systems in accordance with the Essential Public Health Functions.

RECOGNISE that a fundamental part of the governments' basic duty is to reduce health inequities, protect its citizens against health threats and emergencies, such as pandemics, vaccine-preventable diseases, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, and to provide and ensure quality, comprehensive universal health care.

AND that National Public Health Institutes report to and support their governments through provision of scientific and technical advice to guide policy and action to protect and improve the health of the populations they serve.

ALSO, National Public Health Institutes empowered by mandates and authorities from their governments engage in cross-sectoral, regional and international collaborations to fortify global health security.

RECOGNISE the priorities of the G20 Health Working Group: Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response (PPR), focusing on local and regional production of medicines, vaccines, and strategic health supplies; Equity in access to health; Digital Health for the expansion of telehealth, integration, and analysis of data from national health systems; and Climate Change and Health.

NOTING the progress made so far by the nations of the G20 Health Working Group to achieve the SDGs, acknowledging that great challenges remain to accomplish them by 2030.

1) WE COMMIT TO:

i) Supporting governments through the mandates and authorities provided, for disease surveillance, detection and response, workforce development, research and innovation and evidence-based public health action.

ii) Within mandates and authorities, collaborate, lead and advise on multi-sectoral strategies to prevent non-communicable diseases, support universal health care, and enhance health emergency preparedness and response, with adequate sustained resources.

2) WE CALL UPON the G20 Ministers of Health, the African Union and European Union, in collaboration with other stakeholders, to:

i) Strengthen NPHIs mandates and authorities to lead on collaborative surveillance for an all-hazards approach for prevention and protection of populations from health threats.

ii) Provide the required authorities and resources for NPHIs to prevent and respond to health threats, including accessible and sustainable financial mechanisms.

iii) Support the adoption of the recommendations of the IANPHI Roadmap for Action on Health and Climate Change, as a powerful tool for tackling the impacts of climate change on health.

iv) Ensure equitable access to medical countermeasures through promotion of local and regional production of medicines, vaccines, and strategic health supplies.

v) Recommend subsequent presidencies invite IANPHI to the G20 Health Working Group meeting(s) and for G20 Ministries of Health to include their respective NPHIs as part of their Health Working Group delegation.

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